

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
USSN 09/988,365
Attorney Docket Q67233
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REMARKS

Claims 7-11 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the last Office Action the specification was objected to because of line spacing and a substitute specification required. A substitute specification is submitted herewith in lieu of the specification as originally filed and contains double spaced text to ease difficulty in reading and entry of amendments.

In the last Office Action Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ajisawa. Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over as being anticipated by Ajisawa. Claim 4 was considered to be allowable if rewritten to over the noted indefiniteness and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-6 inclusive have been cancelled without prejudice in order to advance the prosecution of the present application and new Claims 7-11 inclusive have been substituted therefore. New independent Claim 7 is a combination of original Claims 1 and 4 incorporating the language corrections proposed by the Examiner. Since Claim 4 was indicated as being allowable it is submitted that Claim 7 is now allowable along with Claims 8-11 inclusive which are dependent therefrom. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that Claims 7-11 inclusive be allowed and the application passed to issue forthwith.

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If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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